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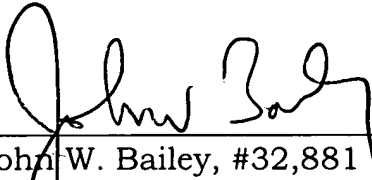
In the Information Disclosure Statement dated May 30, 2002, Japanese reference number **JP 2000-212866** was improperly listed on the PTO-1449 as "**JP 002194969**." Attached hereto is a corrected PTO-1449 for the Examiner's convenience. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial the corrected version of the PTO-1449 and forward a copy with the next Office Communication. It is believed that no fee is due in the present case, since the JP 2000-212866 reference was submitted with the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement dated May 30, 2002.

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Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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